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BUILDING OFFICIALS CONFERENCE OF NORTH EAST OHIO



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President's Message

Dear BOCONEO Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. As we return from our summer break and begin another busy season, I want to welcome everyone back and thank you for your continued involvement and support of BOCONEO. The months ahead will bring new educational opportunities, meetings, and events, and I look forward to seeing our members reconnect, share their knowledge, and continue supporting one another and the building safety profession.

I would like to take a moment to recognize several members of our Northeast Ohio building safety community who have recently passed and whose careers reflected a commitment to public service and our profession.

IN MEMORIAM

David Smerek — 2026

Building Commissioner, City of North Royalton

David's tragic passing while performing his duties as a public servant affected Building Officials throughout Northeast Ohio. We will remember David for his professionalism, integrity, friendship, and commitment to protecting the public.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Lunch 12:00, Class 1:00 - 4:00

Duane Matlack - Lead committee

chair OBOA's DART

Damage Assessment Response

Team Part II

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ROUNDTABLES via WEBEX

9:00 am (1 hour)

Tuesday, 9/15, Building Official

Wednesday, 9/16, Plans Examiner

Thursday, 9/17, Plumbing

Friday, 9/18, Electric



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Tex C. Combs — 2026

Chief Building Official / Building Inspector
Brunswick and North Royalton

Tex dedicated decades to public service, including approximately 30 years with the City of Brunswick and continued service to North Royalton and other Northeast Ohio communities.

G. Gifford "Giff" Dyer

Architect • Plans Examiner • City Architect

Giff dedicated many years to architecture, plans examination, and building safety, serving Beachwood and numerous other Northeast Ohio communities. His knowledge and contributions to our profession will be remembered.

To the families, friends, and coworkers of those we have lost, BOCONEO extends our deepest condolences. Their service to our communities and contributions to the building safety profession will not be forgotten.

2026 JOHN KORNIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

BOCONEO is proud to recognize the continued success of the John Kornik Memorial Scholarship Program.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the 2026 Scholarship Committee for their time and dedication in reviewing applications and selecting the scholarship recipients:

Dale Steppenbacker - City of Twinsburg

Dave Hocevar - Village of South Russell

Monica Ferrante - Mayfield Heights

Allison Lesniak - Geauga County

Doreen Eppich - Geauga County

Jim Decker - SAFEbuilt

James Urankar - SAFEbuilt

Thank you to each committee member for your commitment to the scholarship program. Your efforts, along with the continued success of our Golf Outing, allow BOCONEO to invest in education and support the next generation,



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UPCOMING JOINT MEETING WITH NEOFPA

BOCONEO will hold a Joint Monthly Meeting with NEOFPA on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, featuring an NFPA presentation on NFPA 70, NFPA 70B, and NFPA 70E.

Location: Parkside Church, Bainbridge, Ohio

Sign-In: 9:30 AM

Class: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Lunch: Noon – Catered by Santos Italian Restaurant

Presenter: NFPA

Program Length: 3.5 hours

The presentation will include:

An NFPA update and review of available resources

Discussion of Plug-In Photovoltaic (PIPV) systems

Introduction to the NFPA Electrical Cycle of Safety (ECoS), including NFPA 70, 70B, and 70E

Information on the NFPA Electrical Inspector Section (EIS) and opportunities for EIS chapter formation

This should be an excellent educational program, and I encourage our members to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to meet with our NEOFPA colleagues and NFPA representatives.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support BOCONEO, our members, and our profession.



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Secretary Report

Thank you to all our sponsors and golfers who made this year's golf outing a success!

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Fire Marshal Report

Mark your calendars for November!

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- Topic: NFPA 70, 70 B, and 70 E
- Presenter: NFPA
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Presentation Overview (3.5 hours):

- An NFPA update with information about available resources
- Discussion of Plug-In Photovoltaic (PIPV) systems
- An introduction to the NFPA Electrical Cycle of Safety (ECoS), covering NFPA 70, 70B, and 70E
- A segment on the NFPA Electrical Inspector Section (EIS), including EIS chapter formation opportunities

Scott Sebastian
Cooperating Member
Fire Marshal
South Euclid Fire Department